Light attack Helicopter

1417. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Goverment propose to produce Light Attack Helicopter (L.A.H.) completely indigenously to meet the needs of the defence services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to produce Light Attack Helicopter. Only a feasibility study has been undertaken by HAL so far.

Requirement of schools in the country

1472. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the estimated requirement of primary secondary and higher secondary schools in the years 1990—95; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): The Working Groups on Elementary Education and Secondary and Higher Secondary Education for the Eighth Five Year Plan set up by the Planning Commission have estimated that 35,000 primary, 10,000 secondary and 5,000 higher secondary schools were additionally required during the Eight Plan period (1990—95). State-wise details have not been worked out.

Corruption case against top Government Officials

1473. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of corruption has been registered against twenty top Government officials during the country wide raids by the C.B.I.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken against the corrupt officials?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CBI Raids against corruption

1474. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation is continuing raids so as to check corruption at the high level;

(b) if so, the number of cases registered so far in the country; and

(c) the number of business houses raided for Income Tax purpose during the last two years?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the period from 1.1.1990 to 31.7.1990, 132 cases have been registered.

(c) No business houses were raided by the C.B.I. for Income Tax purpose.

Basic Objectives of Memoranda of Understanding Signed between Public Sector Undertakings and Government

1475. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2244 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the basic objectives in signing the memoranda of understanding with Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) to what extent these objectives have been achieved and what is the machinery

to monitor the functioning of memoranda of understanding with the public sector units; and

(c) whether such memoranda are proposed to be signed with the remaining public sector undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) The basic objective of Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) is to ensure greater functional autonomy in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) commensurate with accountability. By signing MOUs. the Public Sector Enterprises know at the beginning of the year what they are expected to do and they are judged only on the basis of the pre-agreed set of criteria which is to be included in their respective MOUs. The MOU also enables the Government to compare performance of these enterprises and thereby induce competitiveness among them.

(b) The performance of these Public Sector Enterprises have improved. The net profit of the MOU signing Public Sector Enterprises increased from Rs. 1991.78 crs. in 1987-88 to Rs. 2480.61 crs. in 1988-89, the latest year for which audited figures are available. The MOU is approved and evaluated by a High Power Committee of Secretaries headed by the Cabinet Secretary. An Ad-hoc Task Force of experts assist this Committee. The Department of Public Enterprises coordinates all these activities Regular monitoring is being done by the respective administrative Ministries.

(c) It is proposed to add about 100 more Public Sector Enterprises to the list of those signing MOU next year i.e. 1991-92.

Pollution of Damodar River

1476. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government has sent an SOS to the Central Government about the alarming pollution of Damodar river rendering the command area water of DVC unfit for human consumption and for agricultural use;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to check the pollution of Damodar river?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILMANI ROUTRAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The steps taken include:

(i) Industries located on the banks of the Damodar or in its vicinity have been directed to instal] effluent treatment plants within a time-frame and to treat their effluents to prescribed standards before discharge into the river.

(iii) Task forces have been set up to to operate subject to their adopting adequate pollution control measures.

(iii) Task force have been set up to oversee the progress made by industries in putting up pollution control devices.

(iv) Regular monitoring of the river water quality is being done.

(v) Prosecutions are launched against the major defaulting units.

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1477. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कितने विश्वविद्यालयों, महाविद्यालयों या विभिन्न विषयों के विभागों द्वारा स्वायत्तता की मांग भारत सरकार से की गई है ;

(ख) इनमें से अब तक कितनी संस्थाओं को स्वायत्तता प्रदान की गई है ;

(ग) कितनी संस्थाओं की स्वायत्तता की मांग अस्वीकार कर दी गई है;